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The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Incomplete Response

Although the Applicant clearly understood the rejection of **method** claims 1 and 23 under 35 USC 101 as being non-statutory (under Bilski), however, it appears that the Applicant confused the rejection of system claims 12 and 28 under 35 USC 101 with the rejection of method claims 1 and 23 under Bilski. Indeed, system claims 12 and 28 were rejected for lacking structure in the body of the claims, which recites a plurality of modules or software per se. Since it appears that the confusion has prevented the Applicant from appropriately amending system claims 12 and 28 to overcome the 101 rejection and/or presenting related arguments, the Examiner feels compelled here to give the Applicant a chance to amend system claims 12 and 28 to overcome the 101 and 112(2) rejections and/or presenting appropriate arguments (because it appears that Applicant wanted to resolve the issue), thereby clearing or clarifying any confusing issue before continuing with prosecution. Applicant is herein given one month to respond to this correspondence. Further, Applicant is invited to contact the Examiner for any question.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the Examiner should be directed to Jean D. Janvier, whose telephone number is (571) 272-6719. The aforementioned can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 10:00AM to 6:00 PM EST. If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's Supervisor, Mr. Robert Weinhardt, can be reached at (571)272-6633.

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